GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:390
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WITHDRAWAL OF BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently withdrawn some books from the courses of N.C.E.R.T./National Open University;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has received any representations to withdraw the said books; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (d) A statement is annexed.

THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE RELPY TO THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 390 BY PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA AND DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY REGARDING WITHDRAWAL OF BOOKS DUE FOR ANSWER ON THE 26TH JULY, 2005.

(a) to (d) Keeping in view the issues of communalization and inadequacy in history textbooks a panel of three eminent historians was constituted in June 2004, to undertake a quick review of the NCERT's History textbook. On the basis of the report of the said panel of historians NCERT withdrew the following text books:-

i) Unit II: People and Society in the Ancient Period (pp49- 140) of the Social Science Textbook for Class VI, India and the World.

ii) Unit II: People and Society in Medieval period (pp55-170) of the Social Science Textbook for Class VII, India and the World.

iii) Unit I: People and Society in the Modern Period (pp1-121) of the social Science Textbook for Class VIII, India and the World.

iv) Unit I: India in the Twentieth Century World (pp 1 - 68) of the Social Science Textbook for class IX, Contemporary India.

v) Unit I: Heritage of India (pp 1 -37) of the Social Science Textbook for Class X, Contemporary India

vi) Ancient India, A History textbook for Class XI, first published in October 2002

vii) Medieval India, A History textbook for Class XI, first published in April 2003.

viii) Modern India, A History textbook for Class XII, first published in April 2003

ix) Contemporary World History, A History textbook for Class XII, first published in May 2003.

For the Indira Gandhi National Open University no such action is deemed necessary.